

REMARKS

The Allowance of Claims 22 -23 and 34 - 37 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 6 - 21 and 24 - 27 are withdrawn and will be re-presented in a Continuation Application. In this regard, it is desired to be noted for the record that Applicant **did** traverse the Restriction Requirement with specific reasons; i.e., the lack of burden on the Examiner per MPEP § 803, which expressly states:

"There are **two** criteria for a proper
restriction requirement---."

"(B) There must be a serious burden on
the Examiner---."

Therefore, the Election **was** made with Traverse, and the Examiner's response made the Restriction Final. Accordingly,

Applicant's right to Appeal is preserved. Accordingly, any subsequent reverse position in the Continuation Application regarding alleged lack of separate and distinct inventions is bared by such Final Restriction Requirement.

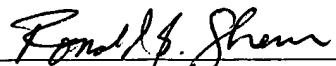
Turning to previous Claims 28 - 33 and 38 - 40, each of parent Claims 28, 38 and 40 have been amended and are presented as New Claims 41, 47, and 49 in order to expressly recite structural connections between all recited components so as to constitute an operative combination or system. These revisions have been made notwithstanding that, in the recitations of "means plus a statement of function", such recitations are believed to constitute structural connection since they define an element which performs the stated function, and is therefore **inherently** connected in order to perform such function.

Nevertheless, **express** recitations of all necessary structural connections have now been made.

With particular reference to prior Claim 40, the Examiner is thanked for noting possibly confusing language and/or punctuation, and this has now been fully clarified in New Claim 49.

Accordingly, each of New Claims 41 - 49 is believed to be in fully allowable form, and the Application is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Notwithstanding this firm belief, should any impediment to allowance be discovered by the Examiner, the Examiner is sincerely urged to telephone Applicant's Counsel for immediate resolution such that the Application may be passed to issue with a minimum burden on both the Examiner and Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,



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